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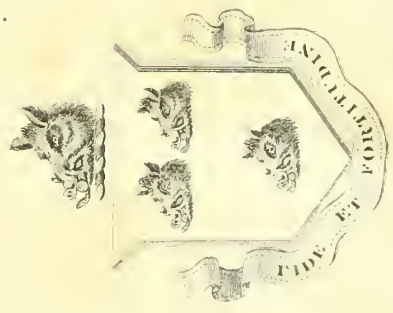

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" on the Eve of the Restoration of Charles II He was arrested in consequence
" of his republican principles, but soon restored to liberty - the record
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Oliver P. I Am like to have a good beginning on't: I have thrown out all my beſt Cards, and got none but a Company of Wretched Ones; ſo I may very well be capetted.

Lambert. Now you have a New Pack (my Lord) I am content to play; but you knew every Card of the Old ones, and could make your Game as you liſted.

Laurence. I took a few, yet they make me a good Game; for I left all the little Ones behind me.

Fleetwood. If your Highneſs had thoſe my Lord *Laurence* left, you would have a better Game then you have, I could wiſh you would look upon them: But yet I know you can hardly tell what to play well. I am for the Little Ones, if there be enough of them; for two *Quint Mixers* will win the Game, before you come to reckon you are 14 by Knaves.

Sines. It is fit you ſhould play at ſome common Game, where all the ſmal Cards are in, and where the Ace goeth but for one. I was too long at the ſport, and left it, becauſe I could make nothing of it. But here whoſoever gets one Card, is like to make a good hand: I have got a good Tearſe already.

Muſgrave. I was ſomewhat ſcrupulous, whether Play was lawful, or not; and ſo ſate out the laſt Game, which had like to have undone me: for the future, I ſhall play what Game ſoever your Highneſs pleaſeth, eſpecially now I ſee you play ſo well when you looſe.

Liſle.

Lisle. — If I go into *France*, I must practise another Game; but do what I can, I shall be over-reacht by *hoc Mazarine*.

Disborow. I am nothing but a Ruff, yet I shall do well: I have got a Card of a right Suit, and hope to have a better Game, if the Cards were in any other hands then your Lordships.

Skippon. I sit here and hold the Cards, but know no more how to play then a Post.

Rouse. I am more diligent at this Game, then ever I was at any; but I got more the last Game, when I plaid Cent: for I had a hundred, and all made: All that I desire, is to save my self, and help my Kindred to something, by betting on my side, while my Luck lasts.

Jones. I must needs lose; for I have thrown out the Card that made me a good Game.

Ousley. A pox on't, I left *Pickadilly*, and the Three Kings, to play here; and I shall get nothing all the days of my life.

Ashley-Cooper. I was Pickquet at White-Hall, and thought to save my self amongst the Cavalier-Posts; but I doubt I shall be deceived.

Pickering. I had rather play at another Game, where more may play: But I thank the Lord, I can frame my self to any Sport, so my Lord *P.* be one at it.

Strickland. You play not here as they do in *Holland*, where I learnt this Game: for you make *lifting* here; and there they deal by turns.

Major. All that I am, I had in my Rise; I was the pittifullest Game in the World before.

Sydenham. I am pretty well, though I changed my Suit; I went in all one, and had another as good in the Stock.

Montague. You make me play at a Game I never knew in my life before; I must needs lose.

Blake. I shall be a kind of a Stander-by this time, and so shall have time enough to teach you the Game against the next, when you may play by your self.

Thurloe.

Thurloe. My Lord, It will not be ſo well for me to play: I'le ſtand behind your Chair, and make and ſhuffle with what you are to play the next Game.

St. John. My Lord, I ſhall not play neither; but I will go your halfes, ſo you keep my counſel.

Peerpoint. You play ſo raſhly, I will not bet a farthing on your head.

Salloway. —— I am but a ſtander-by; yet I obſerve the ſmall Cards that are left, and not plaid with, are all very clean; but the reſt of the Pack are filthy foul already.

Bradſhaw. ——I diſpatcht out one King, and went for another; but have miſſed him: yet he hath not a Card of his Suit with him; ſo I ſhall ſnap him, when he comes into my hands.

Haſlerigg. ——May we play not Levet-coyl? I have not patience to ſtay till another Match be made; and I had as leive be hang'd as ſit out.

Nevel. —— I will not play for a farthing; beſides that, I love not the Game, I am ſo dun'd with the Spleen, I ſhould think on ſomething elſe all the while I were a playing, and take in all the ſmall Cards: for I am all day dreaming of another Game.

Waller. My Lord, you have hang'd *my King*, and I have no other way then to play into your hands.

Whitlock. I ſhall be content to play at any Game, but ſhall be unwilling to play for a dead horſe: yet I care not if I keep *Stakes*.

Knightly. My Lord, give me leave to ſpeak againſt your Game, that ſo I may be thought not to bett; and then I ſhall be able to give ſuch advice, as I may help you to play.

Roberts. I have the luck on't; I win as well at this Game, as at the laſt when I play'd at *Loadam*: I had all the ſmall Cards, and now I have all the great ones.

Gerrard. I do not like the Game ſo well, as to leave the match I have made for my ſelf; yet I do not care if I venture a little on your hand, and try if I can get a Stock to ſet up my youngeſt Son for a Gameſter.

Bernard.

Bernard. May I not talk as much as I will in your play, so long as I am resolved never to bett or play with you at this Game for a groat.

Vane. One had better sometimes play with a good Gamester then a bungler; for one knowes not where to have him: If *Cromwell* had discarded as he ought to have done, I had won my stake at it: as it is, I shall save my self; which I fear he will hardly do, though he mingles the the Cards well when he deals himself, and hath excellent luck in cutting when another deals.

Rich. I play a thousand times better now I have a bad Game, then when I had a good one.

Harrison. I playd the fool, and went in for a *Fifth King*, when there was but four in the Stock.

Lawson. My Lord, the Game was not dealt you, *you took it*, I throw up my Cards.

Streater. My Lord, If you would Curse and Swear soundly, the Game would become you better then it doth, in regaed you pretend so much to Religion; I shall disturb you in the Game if I stand by: I see you play in the dark, therefore I must take my leave of your Lordship, and bid you good night.

Nock. I make my fortune by lending the Gamesters money.

Young *Trevor.* Shall not I play? my Lord Protector hath given me a Stock, and I'le pack the Cards with all the Cavalier-Gamesters in the Town.

Sir *John Trevor.* Well said *Jack*, Thou art none of my son if thou beest not in all Games, and canst carry a Trump in thy Pocket.

Harvey. They caught me playing false, and would let me play no longer, though I was on my Lord Protector's side.

Tichborn. I had reason to desire to play at *council Pickquet*, since I am like to lose so much by another man's ill play.

Newdigate. I have lost by play, but I got by leaving off.

Chute.

Chute. There is such Cheating, that I'le play no longer.

Purefoy. I'le play at small Game, rather then sit out; for I was never set at work.

Pride, *Baxter* and I am at the Old Fooliſh Chriſtmas Game with *Honours.*

Monk. My Lord, when you came to play, your Stock was none of the greateſt; but ſince I ſee your good fortune, I am reſolved ſtill to play as you do: eſpecially, ſince you have made me Maſter of one of your great Play-Houſes: but above all things, if you can keep the Bone in your hand, the Doggs will follow you; if you can keep the Treaſure, the Gameſters will all Crowd to you.

Diſſenting Army-Members. My Lord, when you began the Game, you promis'd us fair play above-board; but ſince we ſee you begin to Juggle, we will play no longer.

Exchequer. I muſt win at laſt, Yet at preſent I have ill-luck; for I have three Knaves, and had caſt out the fourth.

Upper-Bench. Sure you are no better then a Cheat; for I threw out one of them, and you have taken him up into your hands.

Common-Pleas. You ſerved me the very ſame trick the laſt Term, and took in one of them whom I diſcarded; but ye had beſt leave your cheating and wrangling all of Ye, leſt Yé be found what Ye are, and be forbid to keep a Chriſtmas here any more, and then we be forced to ſet up a *mis-rule* in the Country, where there are but ſmall Games, and the *Box will be poorly paid.*

Chancery and Dutchy. I am blanck; if it had not been for the Queen, I had caſt out a Knave, which now proves the beſt of my Game.

Truſtees. I have taken more then I ſhould; I muſt reckon nothing.

Commiſs. for Exciſe and Cuſt. Gentlemen, pay the Box.

Presbyterian. I loſt the laſt Game for want of a King; and now have got one that doth me no good in the world: I had a good hand, but I playd the Fool and threw it out, ſo that all my help depends on one Card.

Independents.

Independent. I have none but small Cards, and they of *several Suites*, so that I shall make little of it this bout.

National Minister. I went in for those Cards the Bishops and Deans parted with the last Game; but, though I mist them, Yet if my *Tenths* be good, I shall make shift till another Dealing.

Divines. I was Pickquet the last, but am now repicket.

Papist. If you all complain, I hope I shall win at last.

Epilogue.

IT is to be noted, that the Gentlemen that have been eminent in this last Dealing of the Cards, play'd very fair in the former Game *here described, With a*

Plaudite.

——— *sic transit Gloria Mundi.*

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